

AN ACT

relating to tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University System for certain national laboratory or national laboratory operator employees and dependents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.369 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.369. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; NATIONAL LABORATORY OR NATIONAL LABORATORY OPERATOR EMPLOYEE OR DEPENDENT.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Board" means the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(2) "National laboratory" means a national laboratory owned by the United States Department of Energy.

(3) "Operator" means a person awarded a contract to operate and manage a national laboratory.

(b) A person, or the person's dependent, is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents when enrolled in an institution of The Texas A&M University System if the person is employed by:

(1) a national laboratory with whom the board has entered into a management and operation agreement or academic affiliation agreement; or

(2) the operator of a national laboratory with whom

1 the board has entered into a membership agreement or equivalent  
2 governance document.

3         SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
4 beginning with tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University  
5 System for the 2019 fall semester.

6         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

H.B. No. 3124

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3124 was passed by the House on May 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3124 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor